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The following rule changes and rule clarifications were approved by the Executive Committee on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and the Board of Directors on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 **with an effective date prior to 4/1/10. *Bold/italic format indicates new text.*** Strikethrough indicates deleted text. **Numbering may need to be adjusted when the approved changes are added to the existing rule book.**

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## BYLAWS

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### **Bylaw 102 - Objectives.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Section 2. Mission Statement. As the National Governing Body (NGB) of Equestrian Sport in the United States we will inspire, encourage interest in, and regulate equestrian competition by ensuring the safety and well-being of horses, regardless of value or competitive level; ensure the enforcement of fair and equitable rules and procedures up to and including the preparation for the Olympic Games; and endeavor to advance the level of horsemanship in the United States. Our mission is to govern the sport in compliance with the laws of the United States and the ~~Constitution and~~ Bylaws of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), and in addition, to provide vision and leadership to equestrian sport in the United States, to promote the pursuit of excellence in equestrian sport from junior and grass roots programs to Olympic Games and international equestrian competitions (hereinafter "sport" or "equestrian sport"). To accomplish this mission, our members and staff, working together will [...]

- (5) Assure the right of an equestrian athlete to compete in any international equestrian athletic competition conducted under the Federation's auspices or that of any other equestrian sports organization or person, unless the Federation establishes that its denial was based on evidence that the organization or person conducting the competition did not meet the requirements stated in Section 220522 of The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and ~~Article VII, Section 2 9~~ of the USOC Bylaws; and protect the right of any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in athletic competition in equestrian events; and provide an equal opportunity to amateurs, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate.

[...]

- (24) Promptly review every request for sanction to hold an international competition in the U.S. or to sponsor U.S. amateur athletes to compete in international competition outside the U.S. and determine whether to grant such sanction in accordance with the USOC Bylaws, ~~Article VII, Sec. 2~~ **Section 8.**

[...]

Section 3. Principles. The following governing principles shall apply to the Federation:

- (6) Neither the Federation nor any member of the Federation may deny or threaten to deny any equestrian athlete the opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan American Games, a World Championship competition or other such “protected competition” as that term is defined in the USOC Bylaws from time to time; nor may the Federation nor any such member of the Federation, subsequent to such competition, censure or otherwise penalize any such athlete who Participates in any such protected competitions. Any equestrian athlete who alleges that he or she has been denied, or has been threatened to be denied, any such opportunity to compete shall immediately inform the President of the Federation, the Equestrian Athlete Ombudsman, the USOC Athlete Ombudsman and the USOC’s AAC representative for equestrian, who shall cause an investigation to be made and steps to be taken to settle the controversy without delay. Notwithstanding any efforts taken to settle the controversy, the athlete may (a) refer the matter promptly to the Chief Executive Officer of the USOC and pursue such remedies as may be appropriate under ~~Article IX~~ **Section 9** of the USOC Bylaws, and/or (b) file a grievance with the Federation’s Hearing Committee pursuant to these bylaws. Any grievance filed with the Federation shall be heard and determined in accordance with the Federation’s Rules governing the Hearing Committee’s Grievance and Hearing Procedures. See also ~~Article IX~~ USOC Bylaws, **Section 9**, (“Right of Opportunity to Participate in Certain International Amateur Athletic Competitions”) attached as Appendix C, which is incorporated herein by Reference, and made a part hereof.

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**Bylaw 201 - Eligibility.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Membership in ~~United States Equestrian~~ **the Federation, Inc.** is open to any individual who is an athlete, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, horse owner or breeder, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, official active in equestrian sport, or any other individual having an interest in equestrian sport, and to any organization that conducts equestrian competitions or other programs or events in the sport on a national, regional, or local level.

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**Bylaw 221 - Affiliated Entities.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

~~Section 1.~~ Horse show committees and agricultural or other organizations shall be eligible for recognition as provided in the Federation’s Rules. Where more than one competition is held in a given year by the same management under the same name, each competition shall be considered a separate entity. Competitions in foreign countries must be approved by their National Federation before receiving

recognition. Any such recognized organization of the Federation in good standing may maintain full benefits and privileges and except as may be otherwise provided in these bylaws, operate under the complete rules on the payment of all required fees and/or dues.

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**Bylaw 222 – Affiliated Associations.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Section 2. Group Members. A Recognized Affiliated Association may petition the Executive Committee to enlist members of such Recognized Affiliate Association in certain ~~U.S. Equestrian~~ **Federation** programs designed to serve special needs of competitions, or divisions, and/or levels thereof, endorsed by such Affiliate Association that are not recognized by the Federation. Competitions, divisions, and/or levels thereof approved within such petition shall be designated as the Federation Endorsed competitions, divisions or levels.

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**Bylaw 225 – Sustaining Affiliates.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Sustaining Affiliates are charitable organizations that have been formed for the primary purpose of providing funding to ~~U.S. Equestrian~~ **the Federation** and shall be entitled to representation on the Federation’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The Federation shall have two sustaining members:

- (1) USA Equestrian Trust
- (2) United States Equestrian Team Foundation

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**Bylaw 331 – Officers.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Section 1. The Officers of the Federation shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Vice President – Administration, a Vice President FEI Affiliates, a Vice President – High Performance, and Vice President – National Affiliates. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall also be known, and sometimes referred to herein, as the “National Officers.” All Officers must be members of the Board of Directors and shall be elected as set forth in section 2 below. All Officers shall hold office until their successors are duly chosen. No person at any time may hold more than one office of ~~U.S. Equestrian~~ **the Federation**, unless otherwise provided herein.

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**Bylaw 502 - Administrative and Finance Committees.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Section 2. Breeders’ Committee. The Breeders’ Committee shall be composed of fifteen (15) members who shall serve a four-year term and who shall be appointed by the President. The President shall appoint a Chairman of the Committee and a Vice-Chairman of the Committee who may act in the Chairman’s place when the Chairman is not available. Members of the Breeders’ Committee

shall be Eligible Athletes or Senior Active Members of the Federation who are actively engaged in the breeding of horses which have exhibited in U.S. Equestrian Federation Recognized competitions in two of the last three competition years. In making appointments to the Breeders' Committee, the President shall endeavor to select men or women thoroughly experienced in one or more breeds/disciplines either through exhibiting, managing or officiating at competitions for one or more breeds/disciplines. The President's appointments should, insofar as is practical, assure an equitable representation of breed/discipline interests on the Breeders' Committee by striving for geographic balance and fair representation of breeds/disciplines and breeder interests. The Breeders' Committee shall review reports of breeders' meetings and forums and foster and promote the best interests of all breeders.

[...]

~~Section 4. Certification Committee.~~

- ~~(a) Composition. The Certification Committee shall be composed of five (5) Senior Active Members, one of whom shall be an Eligible Athlete. Members are eligible for annual reappointment. Each year, the President will appoint the Chairman for that year. If the Chairperson is unavailable to perform his or her duties, he or she may appoint one of the other members to act as Temporary Chairman until he or she can resume such duties or until the President appoints a new Chairperson. Each year the President shall also appoint at least one alternate member; alternate members must be Senior Active Members and serve one year terms, and will serve and participate in the conduct of the Committee only when one of the regular members is unable to participate. The alternate member will participate only until the regular member he or she is replacing resumes his or her duties or a new regular member is appointed to serve the remainder of such member's term. When a regular or alternate member's term expires, that member shall continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed or he or she is reappointed. In the event that one or more members of the Certification Committee are not eligible to participate in a decision of the Committee due to a conflict of interest, then the President shall appoint such eligible member or members for a one year term as are needed to form a separate conflict free Certification Committee of five to decide such matter.~~
- ~~(b) Eligibility. Members of the Certification Committee may not be affiliated in any way with any competition management (for example as an owner, agent, board member, or employee), or otherwise have a personal, economic or other conflict of interest in any decisions affecting the recognition of competitions by the~~

~~Federation. Members must be both in fact and in reasonable appearance unbiased in all matters that may require Committee action. Otherwise, there are no mandatory eligibility requirements. However, the President shall strive to appoint members familiar with general business principles, the business of sports federations, and the value of protecting both the quality and integrity of sporting and economic competition.~~

- ~~(c) Appointment. The members shall be appointed by the President, but no one may serve on the Committee until the appointment has been approved by the Executive Committee. Once appointed, a member shall serve out his or her term unless removed for cause by a two thirds vote of the Executive Committee. For purposes of removal "cause" shall be defined as any misconduct or failure to disclose a conflict of interest or a failure to carry out the duties as a member of the Certification Committee in good faith. It is not "cause" for a member to decide any matter or matters in a manner with which the Executive Committee or anyone else disagrees.~~
- ~~(d) Duties and Responsibilities. It is the duty and responsibility of the Certification Committee to act in a timely manner on any applications brought before it for recognition of competitions pursuant to the Rules.~~
- ~~(e) Notice, Quorum and Action. Three members of a Certification Committee shall constitute a quorum. Notice of any hearings, meetings, or deliberations of the Committee shall be given as provided in the Rules.~~
- ~~(f) Authority of the Chairman. Subject to the Rules of the Federation and to any general rules of procedure adopted by the full Committee, the Chairman shall have authority over all matters involving the schedule, procedures for, or conduct of the processing of an application for recognition of a competition that is submitted to the Committee.~~
- ~~(g) Hearings. If a hearing is held by the Certification Committee concerning an application, the Chairman shall have the authority to establish the schedule, procedures, and rules for the conduct of the hearing pursuant to the Rules.~~

~~Section 5: 4. [...]~~

~~[...]~~

~~Section 9. Development Committee. There shall be appointed by the President a Development Committee, to consist of twelve (12) Senior Active Members of the Federation; one (1) representative each from the USA Equestrian Trust and the USET Foundation, two (2) each from the following five U.S. Equestrian Development Regions:~~

- Region 1: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT, NJ, NY, PA
- Region 2: DC, DE, MD, NC, VA, WV, AL, FL, GA, MS, SC, TN
- Region 3: IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, IA, MN, ND, NE, SD, WI
- Region 4: AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX, AZ, CO, NM, UT
- Region 5: ID, MT, OR, WA, WY, CA, NV, HI, AK

One person from each region shall serve a one year term and the other person from each region shall serve a two year term. Upon appointing the members of the Committee, the President shall designate the term of each appointee. The Committee Chairman shall be elected by the Committee for a one year term. The Development Committee shall identify and solicit gifts (financial and otherwise) from individuals, corporations and foundations for the support of the Federation's current and future programs. This Committee shall hold at least one meeting annually and shall submit to the Board of Directors suggestions on all aspects of development and fundraising. The greater of three or one third of the members of the Development Committee shall constitute a quorum.

~~Section 18. 8. [...]~~  
[...]

Section 19. Owners' Committee. The Owners' Committee shall be composed of fifteen (15) members who shall serve a four-year term, and who shall be appointed by the President. The President shall also appoint a Chairman of the Committee and a Vice-Chairman of the Committee who may act in the Chairman's place when the Chairman is unavailable. The President shall consider the primary affiliations of his appointees and endeavor to appoint a Committee such that the respective Breed/Disciplines are represented in approximately the same proportion as they are represented on the Breed/Discipline Director portion of the Board. The President's appointments should, insofar as is practical, assure equitable representation of owner interests on the Owners' Committee by striving for geographic balance and fair representation of owner interests. Members of the Owners' Committee shall be Senior Active Members of the Federation who are owners or Eligible Athletes. Only those owners who have not attained professional status as that term is defined in ~~Chapter III, Art. 810 of the General Rules of the Federation~~ **Federation Rules** and Eligible Athletes shall be eligible for appointment to the Owners' Committee. An owner must own one or more horses recorded with the Federation, and which were active in competing in Federation Recognized competitions in two of the last three competition years (leased horses are not eligible and horses with multiple ownership are not eligible unless all owners are members of the same family). The Owners' Committee shall review reports of owners' meetings and forums and foster and promote the best interests of all owners. One third of the Owners' Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**Bylaw 701 – Hearing Procedures.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Section 2. Rules and procedures governing protests, charges, administrative penalties, plea agreements, and hearings are set forth in Federation Rule ~~VII~~, **Chapter 6**.

**Bylaw 702 – Opportunity to Participate** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Section 1. Fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing shall be accorded to any amateur athlete, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent or trainer, riding coach or driving coach, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official before the Federation may declare such individual ineligible to participate in any amateur athletic competition. Any hearing conducted hereunder shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 701 and Federation Rules **Chapter 6** ~~VII~~.

[...]

Section 3. Any individual identified in Section 2 above who alleges that he or she has been denied by the Federation or a member of the Federation a right established by Section 2 of this Article shall immediately inform the President of the Federation and the Federation's USOC AAC representative who shall cause an investigation to be made and steps to be taken to settle the controversy. Notwithstanding any efforts taken by the Federation to settle the controversy informally or through the Federation's grievance procedures set forth in Bylaw 703 and the Federation's Rules, the individual may refer the matter to the CEO of the USOC for action, as appropriate, under ~~Article IX~~ **Section 9** of the USOC Bylaws, a copy of which is attached as an Appendix to these bylaws.

Section 4. The construction and application of Federation's bylaws and rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York. The Federation Hearing Committee shall hear athlete and other grievances in accordance with these bylaws and Federation Rule ~~VII~~ **Chapter 6**.

**Bylaw 703 – Grievances Related to Opportunities to Participate** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Section 5. The Hearing Committee shall review the record of any grievance hearing and promptly issue its written findings and determination based on the evidence in record in accordance with these bylaws and **Federation Rules** ~~VII~~ **Chapter 6**, which shall be final and binding upon the parties, except where otherwise provided in the Bylaws of the USOC.

**Bylaw 704 – Disputes and Grievances By and Among Members** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

Section 2. The complaint shall be heard by Hearing Committee in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaws 701 and 703 and **Federation Rules, Chapter 6 Rules VI**. Upon the request of an Athlete or other party that it is necessary to expedite such hearing in order to resolve a matter relating to a competition which is so scheduled that compliance with regular procedures would not be likely to produce a sufficiently early decision to do justice to the affected parties, the hearing shall be so expedited to be concluded prior to the competition.

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**Bylaw 705 – Arbitration** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

The Federation agrees to submit to binding arbitration in any controversy involving (i) its recognition as a national governing body, as provided for in ~~Article VIII~~ **Section 10** of the USOC Bylaws, upon demand of the USOC or (ii) the opportunity of any amateur athlete, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent or trainer, riding coach or driving coach to participate in amateur athletic competition, as provided for in ~~Article IX~~ **Section 9** of the USOC Bylaws, upon demand of the USOC or any aggrieved amateur athlete, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent or trainer, riding coach or driving coach, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official conducted in accordance with the Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association, as modified in accordance with Section 220522 (a)(4)(B) of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

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**Bylaw 801 - Amendments.** [Bylaws of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.] **Effective immediately:**

**APPENDICES**

**Appendix A - Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act**

**Appendix B - USOC Definition of Athlete**

**Appendix C - ~~Article IX~~ Section 9 of the USOC Bylaws**

These documents can be found at the USOC website: [www.usolympicteam.com](http://www.usolympicteam.com)  
[www.teamusa.org](http://www.teamusa.org), under the section entitled “Legal.”

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**CHAPTER 8 – CONDUCT OF LICENSED COMPETITIONS**

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**GR825 Ponies.** [Chapter 8. Conduct of Licensed Competitions] **Effective immediately:**

1. Ponies may be ridden only by junior exhibitors. Exceptions: Adults may ride ponies in the Eventing, Connemara, Dressage (other than (1) USEF **High Performance** Championships, USEF **High Performance** qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes and (2) **FEI Pony, Junior and Young Rider tests**), Hunter, Jumper, Saddlebred and Welsh Pony divisions.

2. If an animal 14.2 hands or under is eligible to compete as a horse in the Arabian, Half or Anglo Arabian, Connemara, Morgan, Paso Fino, National Show Horse or Saddlebred Divisions, it may also compete as a horse in other appropriate classes (except for ~~USEF Dressage Championships, USEF qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes for Dressage~~; see DR119.1, DR119.8 and DR134). It cannot, however, compete as a horse in one class and a pony in another class at the same competition.

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**CHAPTER 9 – PRIZE LISTS AND ENTRIES**

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**GR904 Changes in Prize List.** [Chapter 9. Prize Lists and Entries] **Effective immediately:**

6. Competitions are allowed to add additional classes from the following divisions as competition management deems necessary: Andalusian/Lusitano, Connemara, Friesian, Hackney, Morgan, **National Show Horse**, Roadster, Saddle Seat Equitation, and Saddlebred. If classes are added less than 5 days prior to the competition (See GR904.4), competition management must advise exhibitors of the additions upon check in, post notices in the competition office, and make the appropriate announcements during the competition.

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**GR913 Unpaid Entries.** [Chapter 9. Competition Prize Lists and Entries. Subchapter 9-C Submission, Acceptance and Refusal of Entries] **Effective immediately:**

1. Any Competition Licensed or endorsed by the Federation which accepts entries without the payment of the required fees, does so at its own risk and the Federation will not be responsible for the collection of fees. However, if a person makes payment for fees which is not negotiable, the Secretary of the Licensed Competition, after first contacting the individual at least once via certified mail, may report the name and address of the person in writing to the Federation within 90 days of notification of denied payment, giving the names of the horses and the names and complete addresses of the owners for which the nonnegotiable funds were to cover, a copy of the entry blank, a copy of the check or receipt with credit card information and signature, and a copy of the certified mail showing the competition’s attempt to notify the individual of the non-negotiable payment. The amount of all fees for each horse must be itemized. On receipt of such notice, the Federation will notify said person, of his or her indebtedness to the competition as well as the imposition of a processing fee in the amount of \$50 payable to the Federation. If the person fails to make settlement with the competition and/or the Federation within **30 days from the date of two weeks** of the notice from the Federation, he or she will be fined the additional sum of ~~\$250~~ **\$750** payable to the Federation and he or she and any horses owned by him or her and any horses and/or persons for which the non-negotiable sums have been paid will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever

in any competition Licensed or endorsed by the Federation until settlement is made both of indebtedness to the competition and to the Federation [...]

**Exception:** *Persons who are engaged to compete on horses owned by individuals with whom they have no current business relationship regarding the ongoing training, care, custody, or control of the horse are not responsible for indebtedness under this rule provided that said persons have not tendered the non-negotiable payment.*

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## CHAPTER 10 – LICENSED OFFICIALS

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**GR1009 Recorded Judge.** [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective immediately:**

2. A Recorded Dressage judge may officiate at Second Level and below and may not officiate at the Third Level and above. ***Recorded Dressage judges may not officiate in FEI or USEF Dressage Tests for 4 and 5 year-old horses or in FEI Pony Tests.***

**GR1009 Recorded Judge.** [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials. Subchapter 10-C Classifications - Judges] **Effective immediately:**

5. A Recorded judge may, however, officiate alone under the following circumstances:

***j. in any National Show Horse Division;***

**GR1011 Guest Judge.** [Chapter 10. Licensed Officials] **Effective immediately:**

11. A Guest Judge may not officiate in any “A” or “B” rated divisions or sections, Jumper Division offering over \$2,500, or at any national or regional Equitation Finals. A Guest Judge may not officiate alone in any Federation Medal Class. The following are exceptions:

h. Hunter Breeding: only judges currently holding an “R” ***or “r”*** Hunter license may Guest Judge in the Hunter Breeding Section. Registered (R) ***or recorded (r)*** Hunter judges may receive two Hunter Breeding Guest Cards per year. If a judge receives a Hunter Breeding Guest Card twice in one year, each Guest Card must be used in a different Zone. If a competition has 15 or more aggregate entries in the Hunter Breeding Section the previous year, they are ineligible to apply for a Guest Card and must have a judge(s) who holds a Hunter Breeding License.

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## CHAPTER 11 – FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS

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**GR1111 National, District, Regional and Zone Awards.** [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-D HOTA Awards and National Championships] **Effective immediately:**

1. All horses are eligible for National Awards, as long as all requirements of GR1110 are met. See GR1122-GR1139 for specific classes and divisions offered at

the National level. ~~Horses are eligible for District Awards only within the home district of the entry’s recorded owner(s). District awards are offered in the following breed/discipline: National Show Horse. For purposes of distributing District Awards, refer to the District map.~~

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**GR1113 Credit.** [Chapter 11. Federation Records and Awards. Subchapter 11-D Horse of the Year Awards and National Championships] **Effective immediately:**

2. No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed. Exceptions:

***i. Saddlebreds***

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## CHAPTER 12 – COMPETITION OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

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**GR1211 Appointment of Officials and Employees.** [Chapter 12. Competition Officials, Employees and Volunteers] **Effective immediately:**

5. Qualified Medical Personnel.

a. Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and with appropriate medical equipment, as required by their certifying State or EMS Region, must be present during all scheduled performances at all competitions and during all paid scheduled schooling sessions over fences, including one (1) day prior to the start of the competition if applicable, and during all scheduled performances.

[...]

~~(4) Any competitions with four or more rings of Hunters and Jumpers in use at one time must have at least two qualified medical personnel present during all performance sessions.~~

[...]

b. Competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously, ~~and all first year A or AA rated competitions,~~ must have at least one additional person who is CPR certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. The additional person may have other duties related to the competition provided they can be immediately available to respond to an emergency. This person must be identified to officials and staff. Dressage arenas do not count as performance areas. If more than six performance areas are used simultaneously there must be at least two additional people who are CPR-certified to assist the medical personnel of record for that competition. ***Hunter and Jumper competitions using four or more rings simultaneously must have, in addition to the qualified medical personnel of record, one additional person who is at least First Responder certified present during all performance sessions.***

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## CHAPTER AL – ANDALUSIAN/LUSITANO DIVISION

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**AL105 Conduct and Specifications.** [Chapter AL. Andalusian/Lusitano Division. Subchapter AL-2 Halter Classes] **Effective immediately:**

1. Emphasis shall be placed on type, conformation, quality, way of going, substance and manners. ~~For Half Andalusians, emphasis shall will be judged placed on conformation, quality, way of going, substance and Andalusian type, in that order. manners. The Half-Andalusians may show characteristics of any other breed. The foregoing first three qualities shall take precedence in adjudication of in hand classes over breed type.~~

2. *An Exhibitor is any person who holds, walks or trots a horse in the competition arena. No Exhibitor may hold more than one horse at a time in the arena.*

~~3. An Assistant Handler is any person who holds, walks or trots a horse in the competition area or ring during a class, whether or not it is being judged since judging does not begin until all horses have entered the ring and the gate is closed.~~

3. *Every exhibitor is required to sign an entry blank and must be a Federation member or pay a non-member fee*

~~4-2. 5.~~ *Horses are to be shown in-hand at a walk and trot. The following procedures shall be followed in all In-Hand classes. At all IALHA Regional and National level competitions, all entries, including post entries, in a class must be drawn for position and enter the ring in that order. The order will be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the class. This procedure may be used at other recognized competitions at the discretion of competition management. Horses shall enter the arena at a relaxed walk in a counterclockwise direction. [...] If the handler-exhibitor circles the horse during the trotting process, only one intentional circle at either end will be allowed (total of two circles). The handler-exhibitor will stop the horse in front of the judge(s) and present the horse to the judge(s). Exhibitors are allowed to reposition the horse if it moves ahead of the exhibitor without fear of penalization or disqualification. However, it is within the judge's discretion to penalize an exhibitor who must do this repeatedly to maintain control of the horse.* The horse should stand with front legs square. Back legs should be positioned either square or with one slightly behind the other. The horse should not be stretched. A horse is considered not stretched if all four feet are flat on the ground and at least one front and one rear cannon bone are perpendicular to the ground. After examination, horses shall trot away from the judge back to the rail and around the arena to the end of the line. After completion of individual presentation, the class as a group must quietly walk single file, with whip at the handler's exhibitor's side. The lead line must maintain a clearly discernible drape, i.e. the handler-exhibitor must not place their hand on the chain or close enough to in any way restrict natural head and neck motion. Also, the handler-exhibitor may not unnecessarily impede the forward

motion of the horse while at the walk. After the last horse has passed the judge at a walk, all entries shall line up on the rail for final placement.

~~5. 3. 6. Each horse is to be handled and shown throughout the class by only one and the same person. Each horse may be shown by one Handler and one Assistant Handler. The Assistant Handler may only handle the horse when it is not being individually presented to the judge. A Handler may show multiple horses in the same class provided that each horse is brought into the ring by an Assistant Handler. If a Handler is showing multiple horses, he or she will enter the arena without a horse. This rule does not apply to the Best Movement class. No tailers are allowed. If an exhibitor is to handle more than one entry in the class, he must have present in the arena an additional exhibitor to facilitate the transfer of the horses.~~

6. *The portions of the above sections of this rule pertaining to exhibitors does not apply to any amateur classes or Best Movement performance classes in which only one horse is permitted per exhibitor.*

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## CHAPTER AR – ARABIAN, HALF-ARABIAN AND ANGLO-ARABIAN DIVISION

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**AR108 Championships.** [Chapter AR. Arabian Division] **Effective immediately:**

3. *All AHA Regional Championship classes are limited to 2 year olds and older. (AHA Sweepstakes Yearling classes are exempt from this rule.)*

**AR129 Qualifying Gaits.** [Chapter AR. Arabian Division. Subchapter AR-7 Hunter Pleasure Section] **Effective immediately:**

1. *Walk, a four-beat gait: Straight, true and flat-footed. Regular and unconstrained with good reach.*

**AR163 Scoring Procedures.** [Chapter AR. Arabian Division. Subchapter AR-13 Sport Horse Section] **Effective immediately:**

5. ~~When more than one judge is officiating, each judge may will have a separate triangle and will have separate score sheets and scribes. If one triangle is used, the judges will stand at the apex of the triangle, each with a separate score sheet and scribe. When more than one judge is officiating, and there should be a tie still existing after re-examination, the call judge shall break the tie. When multiple judges officiate the same class, competition management may assign separate or shared triangles. In either case, judges will have separate score sheets and scribes.~~

**AR221 Western Seat/Reining Seat Equitation.** [Chapter AR. Arabian Division Subchapter AR-25 Equitation] **Effective immediately:**

5. *Adult amateur classes may be offered for Amateur riders 18 years old and over.*

**AR222 General.** [Chapter AR. Arabian Division Subchapter AR-26 Western Horsemanship] **Effective immediately:**

**5. Adult amateur classes may be offered for Amateur riders 18 years old and over.**

**AR227 General.** [Chapter AR. Arabian Division Subchapter AR-27 Showmanship] **Effective immediately:**

1. *Handlers in classes for junior exhibitors cannot have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in accordance with GR126. Competition Management is encouraged to offer Adult Showmanship classes for handlers who are 18 years and older and may. To be eligible, handlers must not have reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR103. Competition management is encouraged to divide classes by age groups which will vary according to local participation.*

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## CHAPTER DR – DRESSAGE DIVISION

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**DR111 Work on Two Tracks and The Lateral Movements.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

3. The lateral movements.

i. Half-pass. This movement is a variation of travers, executed on the diagonal instead of along the wall. The horse should be slightly bent round the inside leg of the rider in order to give more freedom and mobility to the shoulders, thus adding ease and grace to the movement although the forehand should be slightly in advance of the quarters. The outside legs pass and cross in front of the inside legs. The horse is looking in the direction in which he is moving. He should maintain the same cadence and balance throughout the whole movement. In order to give more freedom and mobility to the shoulders, which adds to the ease and grace of the movement, it is of great importance, not only that the horse is correctly bent and thereby prevented from protruding his inside shoulder, but also to maintain the impulsion, especially the engagement of the inside hind leg (see fig. 4). ***The bend in the half-pass should increase with the steepness of the diagonal.***

**DR114 The Piaffe.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

4. The piaffe must always be animated by a lively impulsion and characterized by a perfect balance. While giving the impression of being in place there may be a visible inclination to advance, this being displayed by the horse's eager acceptance to move forward as soon as he is asked. ***The horse is permitted to advance up to one meter forward in the Intermediaire II test.***

**DR118 Tests for Dressage Competitions.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

4. In addition to Federation, FEI and USDF tests, Dressage competitions may use other tests but these must be included in the prize list sent to all exhibitors. Eventing

Dressage tests may be offered if clearly indicated in the prize list. All dressage classes (*including Academy, Eventing or any other Dressage classes*), whether or not the tests are issued by the Federation, FEI, or USDF, must be conducted under Federation or FEI (if applicable) rules, and are Federation recognized classes as specified in GR211. Only dressage tests or classes requiring any of the three gaits defined by the FEI as walk, trot and canter may be ridden in Federation licensed Dressage competitions.

**DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

1. Dressage classes are open to riders on horses, mules and/or ponies of any origin, except that ponies or mules may not be ridden in USEF High Performance Championships, USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes. Mules and/or ponies are also ineligible to compete in (1) any other classes designated as qualifying or selection classes for international or international high performance competition (except championships for FEI Pony Riders), and (2) championships where such participation is prohibited in the championship selection procedures. Dressage Competitions may be limited to ponies of any breed or origin. In the Dressage Division, a horse is an animal over 148 cm without shoes, and 149 cm with shoes. A pony is an animal that does not exceed 148 cm without shoes, and 149 cm with shoes. Unless otherwise noted, the term "horse" in these rules denotes either a horse or pony. (See DR134). Stallions are permitted in all classes. ***Mares may not compete after their eighth month of pregnancy or within three months after foaling.*** [...]

**DR119 Participation in Dressage Competitions.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Add to chart, effective immediately:**

All FEI Pony Rider ***and FEI Childrens*** Tests are equivalent to Second Level.

All FEI Junior Rider Tests are equivalent to Third Level.

All FEI Young Rider Tests are equivalent to PSG.

The USEF Four-Year-Old Test is equivalent to First Level.

The FEI Four-Year-Old Test is equivalent to First Level.

The FEI Five-Year-Old Tests are equivalent to First Level

The FEI Six-Year-Old Tests are equivalent to Third Level.

Cross entry in Para Equestrian tests and other Dressage tests is permitted as listed below:

FEI PE Grade 1a & 1b are equivalent to Introductory Level.

FEI PE Grade II is equivalent to Training Level.

FEI PE Grade III is equivalent to First Level.

FEI PE Grade IV is equivalent to Third Level.

***Cross entry in Eventing tests and other Dressage tests is permitted as listed below: Eventing Beginner Novice and Novice tests are equivalent to Training Level.***

*Eventing Training tests are equivalent to First Level.*  
*Eventing Preliminary tests are equivalent to Second Level.*  
*Eventing Intermediate tests are equivalent to Third Level.*  
*Eventing Advanced tests are equivalent to Third Level.*

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**DR120 Dress.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

**3. At all test levels, riders may wear jackets in other colors within the international HSV color scale, as described in FEI Dressage Regulations, Art. 427.1. Contrast coloring and piping is allowed. Hats, stocks, ties, gloves and riding boots may be the same color as the coat.**

[...]

**6. In extreme heat and/or humidity in all classes including FEI classes at National Competitions, management can allow competitors to show without jackets. However, competitors must wear a regulation hat and solid ~~or nearly solid white or very pale~~ colored long or short sleeved shirt **with collar**, without neckwear, **and without decoration except as described under .12 below**. T-shirts are not permitted. Members of the Armed Services or police units may wear summer uniforms.**

[...]

**10. Cooling vests may ~~only~~ be worn underneath a riding jacket with the following exception: If coats are waived, a ~~white or very light~~ solid-colored cooling or **lightweight** vest may be worn over a riding shirt as specified in DR120.6.**

[...]

**12. When sponsorship is permitted in accordance with GR1306, the name and/or logo of the individual's sponsor(s) may appear on each of the two sides of jackets or top garments at the height of breast pockets not exceeded 80 cm<sup>2</sup> in size. Logos described under DR121.1 are also permitted as above.**

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**DR121 Saddlery and Equipment.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

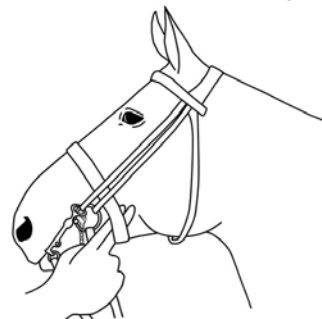
1. An English type saddle with stirrups is compulsory for Federation and USDF tests. An English type saddle may be constructed with or without a tree but cannot have a horn, swell, gallerie, or open gullet. Australian, Baroque, Endurance, McClellan, Spanish, Stock, or Western saddles are not permitted nor are modified versions of these saddles (exception: competitors with a current approved Federation Dispensation Certificate). A Dressage saddle which must be close to the horse and have long, near-vertical flaps and stirrups is compulsory for FEI tests. Saddle pads are optional, but should be white or of conservative color. English-style stirrups, without attachments, or safety stirrups are compulsory. While present in the competition area and during prize-giving ceremonies, **and when sponsorship is permitted in accordance with GR1306**, the name and/or logo of the individual's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding 200 cm<sup>2</sup> (~~i.e., the length around the perimeter of the logo must not exceed 22.6 inches~~) on each side of the

saddle cloth. Breed logos (for horses registered with that breed), national flags (for citizens of that country), riding club/business/farm names or logos (used with permission of riding club/farm/business owner) and USEF or USDF names or logos (used with permission of USEF or USDF, respectively) are also permitted and must have the same specifications as sponsor logos. No other advertisement or publicity is permitted on saddle cloths or horses.

2. For Training, First and Second Level tests and FEI Pony tests, a plain snaffle bridle is required with a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment) or a crossed noseband. Except for the FEI Pony tests, a crescent noseband is also permitted at these levels. Except for the crescent noseband, buckles and a small disk of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband, ~~the noseband~~ **the headstall and cavesson/noseband of the bridle must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material. A padded cavesson/noseband and crownpiece are is** allowed.

[...]

6. Only those bits listed with Figure 1 are allowed. At any level of competition, a cavesson noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it causes severe irritation to the skin, **and must be adjusted to allow at least two fingers under the noseband on the side of the face under the cheekbone**. Cavesson nosebands may be used with a chin pad. At any level of competition, a browband may be multicolored and may be decorated with metal, beads, gemstones and crystals.



7. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots") or bandages (including tail bandages) and any form of blinkers, earmuffs or plugs, nose covers, seat covers, hoods are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden.

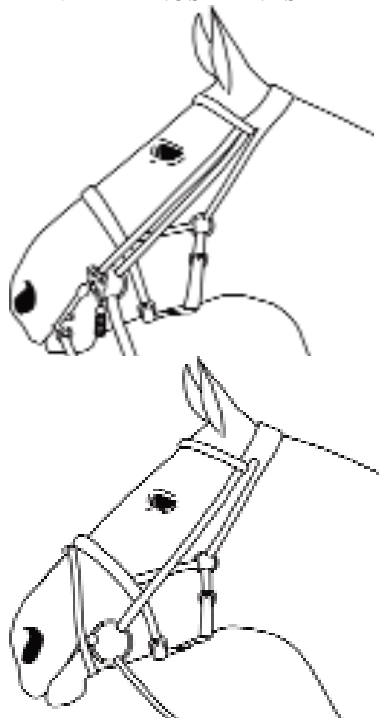
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9. Ring stewards appointed by competition management must check saddlery and inspect bits and spurs on both sides of the horse for at least one-third of the horses in each class. Inspection of saddlery and bits must be done at the direction of the

technical delegate. Inspection of saddlery and bits must be done immediately as the horse leaves the arena. (See DR126.11)

[...]

#### **PERMITTED NOSEBANDS**



Permitted for use in USEF High Performance classes and in warm-up with either a snaffle or double bridle.

**When used as a double bridle, the lower strap of the noseband (flash attachment pictured above with the snaffle), is not permitted.**

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#### **DR128 Musical Free Style Ride.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

##### 7. Movements

- a. **In FEI Level Freestyles,** the competitor must include all gaits and movements required on the FEI score sheet at the level shown. Current FEI rules apply. Failure to include required movements will result in a zero (0) score on the appropriate line.

[...]

d. **In FEI Level Freestyles,** movements intentionally performed above the level declared shall be penalized by elimination, preferably immediately. Exceptions for FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles performing movements above the level are noted on the FEI Para-Equestrian tests. A rider showing more than one half-pirouette (i.e., more than 180 degrees) in one continuous movement in the Young Rider Freestyle Test or a rider showing more than one full pirouette (i.e., more than 360 degrees) in one continuous movement in the Intermediate I Freestyle Test, will receive “0” (zero) for the whole movement and the scores for choreography as well as the degree of difficulty cannot be higher than “5”. See DR124.1.m.

[...]

f. Grand Prix Freestyle Tests. Besides all the Grand Prix level movements, double pirouettes, pirouettes in piaffe and half pass in passage are allowed. A rider showing more than a double pirouette (i.e., two pirouettes of more than 360 degrees each) in one continuous movement, will receive a “0” (zero) for the whole movement and the scores for choreography as well as the degree of difficulty cannot be higher than “5”. A rider showing other non-permitted movements **in FEI Level Freestyles** must be disqualified. One Piaffe has to be shown straight (minimum 10 steps). If the Piaffe is only shown as a Pirouette, a minimum of 10 steps is to be shown before or after turning. Passage shown in Half Pass is not considered as the compulsory passage. Scores and credit for transitions will only be given for the sequence “passage, piaffe, passage”. Airs above the ground and Canter “Terre a Terre” are not allowed. Flying changes must be shown in at least 5 consecutive changes every second stride and minimum nine changes at every stride.

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**DR134 Pony Measurement.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

2. A copy of the Federation Standard or Temporary Measurement Certificate must be submitted with the entry for each pony possessing a Measurement Certificate and competing in Dressage or Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes *or tests* limited to ponies. If a pony, *age three or over*, is not in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement Certificate, the Competition Management ~~may~~ **must** order the pony to be measured by an eligible Dressage Technical Delegate, who is certified by USEF to conduct Dressage pony measurements, and the Competition Veterinarian and/or a Judge, pursuant to GR505, GR506, and GR508. Effective December 1, 2009, Competition Management must require measurement by a USEF-certified Dressage Technical Delegate and the Competition Veterinarian if a current, valid Measurement Certificate is not submitted prior to the competition. Failure to allow the pony to be measured will result in the pony being disqualified at that competition. The measurement must be reported to Competition Management, which must then disqualify the pony from the competition if it is over height.

[...]

7. Measurement may be required yearly *from age three* until the pony has reached the age of eight years. Animals three through seven years old will be issued an annual Temporary Certificate of Measurement. Animals eight years and older will be issued Standard Certificates of Measurement which will not need to be renewed. The provisions of GR502.7 will apply.

8. If the Ground Jury questions the height of a pony, the pony must be measured if not in possession of a valid Measurement Certificate. If the pony is in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement Certificate, the Ground Jury may request, through the Federation, that the pony be remeasured by a licensed Dressage Technical Delegate and a Veterinarian who are approved by the Federation, pursuant to GR505, GR506, and GR508. Re-measurement must be made within 30 days of the request. *The owner of a pony with a Standard and valid Measurement Certificate may also request re-measurement, through the Federation, under the provisions of this rule.*

[...]

~~16. Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegates must attend a Federation Dressage/DSHB Pony Measurement Certification clinic prior to January 1, 2008 where certification testing to measure ponies for dressage or DSHB is conducted. Such certification is recommended but not required for Recorded (r) Dressage Technical Delegates. Only Dressage Technical Delegates who are certified by the Federation for Dressage/DSHB pony measurement, along with the Competition Veterinarian and/or a Judge, may conduct pony measurements for Dressage or DSHB classes or tests as of January 1, 2008. Effective December 1, 2009, only a USEF-certified Dressage Technical Delegate and the Competition Veterinarian are eligible to conduct Dressage/DSHB pony measurements.~~

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**DR202 General Regulations.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division. Subchapter DR-2 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding] **Effective immediately:**

**9. The requirements of DR126.1d and DR123.9 apply to DSHB divisions and classes.**

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**DR203 Definitions.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division Subchapter DR-2 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding] **Effective immediately:**

16. For competition purposes, a mare's breeding status on January 1 will remain the same until December 31 of the same calendar year (i.e., a mare that is in foal or nursing will remain a broodmare for competition purposes after her foal is weaned, regardless of her actual breeding status, until December 31 of the same year. If she is not in foal on January 1 of the next calendar year, she will remain a Yeld mare, for competition purposes, throughout the next calendar year even if she is successfully re-bred during that year). Exception: During the calendar year in which an embryo-transfer recipient mare is due to foal, the embryo-transfer donor mare must compete according to her breeding status the ~~year prior to being bred~~ **prior year.**

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**DR205 Entries.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division Subchapter DR-2 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding] **Effective immediately:**

**4. Mares may not compete under saddle or in materiale classes after their eighth month of pregnancy or within three months after foaling.**

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**DR206 Equipment and Turn Out.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division Subchapter DR-2 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding] **Effective immediately:**

**7. Bit and saddlery inspections, as described in DR121.9, are not required nor are advised for DSHB classes. When close inspection of saddlery, equipment or bits is required in order to determine compliance with these rules, a steward or TD must accompany a horse to its stall to inspect such items when they are removed from the horse.**

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**DR210 Judging Specifications.** [Chapter DR. Dressage Division Subchapter DR-2 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding] **Effective immediately:**

5. Championship classes. More than one judge may officiate. The judge(s) will re-evaluate the entries, with or without awarding scores. All horses must be re-evaluated in the same manner, and all horses must be shown at the walk and trot (and canter, in applicable classes). If the number of entries is sufficient, a champion, and reserve champion **and third place reserve** must be named ~~and judges are advised to name a third place reserve~~ in qualifying classes for the USDF Breeders Championships series. In USDF Breeders Championship classes, refer to USDFBC guidelines. Horses in USDF Breeders Championship classes must be shown individually on the triangle at the walk and trot, and standing for conformation. Each

horse must be evaluated in the same manner and callbacks are permitted.

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**CHAPTER DC – COMBINED DRIVING DIVISION**

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**DC102 [FEI Article 902] PRINCIPLES.** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**3. Penalties**

3.2 Yellow Warning Card. Where there is abuse of Horses in any form or incorrect behavior towards Event Officials or any other party connected with the Event, the President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee and the FEI Chief Driving Steward, *through the President of the Jury*, as an alternative to instituting the procedures foreseen in the legal system, may deliver to the Person Responsible a Yellow Warning Card(s). (See FEI General Regulations.)

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**DC105 [FEI ARTICLE 905] SCHEDULE AND ELIGIBILITY** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**3. Eligibility Procedure for Championships.**

3.2 The FEI shall also publish the maximum driven penalty points allowed at the Championship in Competition A, Driven Dressage, by which the Driver concerned shall be qualified to continue into Competition B and C. ~~Such maximum Driven Dressage penalty points will relate solely to the performance of the movements.~~ The Ground Jury will have the final decision as to whether the Competitor may continue into Competition B and C, taking in to account any contributing factors. There will be no Appeal.

[...]

**8. Entries**

8.4 ~~If NFs enter more competitors and Horses than the number allowed in the official team, the Chef d'Equipe must designate the competitors and Horses selected for the official team at the latest following the first Horse inspection.~~

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**DC106 [FEI Article 906] JUDGES** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**2. Composition of the Ground Jury**

2.1 Ground Jury

(Minimum requirements)

Category	Judges	President Of Jury	Foreign Judge	Ground Jury
Championships	5	Foreign Official.	Official.	3 Official and 2 International
CAIO	5	Official.	Appointed by FEI.	Others can be Official or International.
CAI -A	5	Official or International	Official, <del>or</del> International. <del>or Candidate.</del>	3 Official or International and 2 Candidate.
CAI-A	3	Official or International	Official, <del>or</del> International. <del>or Candidate.</del>	1 Official or International
CAI-B	5	Official or International	Official, International or Candidate.	FEI List or Senior Level National.
CAI-B	3	Official or International	Official, International or Candidate.	FEI List or Senior Level National.
CAN	3	Any	International	International

*A Judge at an event may not assume the duties of a TD or CD at the same event.*

[...]

**4. Conflict of Interest**

4.3.5 At USEF licensed National Competitions/Events, the Manager of an event, or members of the Manager's family or household, the Technical Delegate, Course Designer, ~~or~~ a member of the Appeals Committee (if one exists), *or any other O.C. official associated with the event* may not serve on the Ground Jury. *A TD at an event may not assume the duties of a Judge or CD.*

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**DC117 [FEI Article 917] PARTICIPATION** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**2. The Competitor and Grooms**

2.5 No person may be tied to the Vehicle in any way during the Competitions. A Competitor may be secured by rope, webbing or belt, provided one end is held by a Groom and not wrapped ~~more than once~~ or fastened to the Vehicle in any way. *Failure to comply will result in Elimination.*

[...]

**6. Dress in Competition B**

6.2 Competitors and Grooms must wear securely fastened protective head gear *and back protectors* on Section E. Infringement will incur Elimination.

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**DC124 [FEI Article 924] EXAMINATION AND INSPECTIONS** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**2. First Inspection.**

2.11 In all cases of further inspection resulting from 2.8 above or re-inspection on the following day resulting from 2.9 above each Member of the Ground Jury and the Veterinary Delegate will be issued with a Voting Slip on which they must indicate with an x either Yes or No as to whether they consider the Horse fit to compete. These forms will be handed to the President of Jury who will announce the majority decision as to whether the Horse may compete. ~~If there is an even number of Jury Members and Veterinary Delegates, then the President of Jury, the Foreign Judge and the head of the Veterinary Delegate will be the sole voters.~~ *When there are two lanes of horses being inspected the whole Jury will come together along with the chief Veterinary officer from each lane. The President of Jury will, at all times, have the casting vote if there is a tie in the voting.* There is no Appeal against this decision.

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**DC126 [FEI Article 926] OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**2. Prohibited Outside Assistance**

2.1 ~~In Competitions A and C, Grooms must remain seated in their proper positions between entering and leaving the Arena. In Competition A Grooms must remain seated in their proper position between entering and leaving the Arena unless as otherwise defined within the rules. In Competition C grooms must remain seated in their proper positions between the Start and Finish line unless as otherwise defined within the rules. Failure to comply will result in elimination. See also DC156.1.8~~ They are not permitted to handle the Reins, the Whip or the Brake, nor speak or indicate the Course to the Competitor. However the Groom may handle the Reins, Whip and Brake without penalty provided the Vehicle remains stationary. Exception: If the bell has been rung by the President of Jury and the Competitor has failed to hear the bell; the Groom may advise the Competitor that the bell has been rung.

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**DC132 [FEI Article 932] CONDITIONS** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**3. Lameness**

3.2 In doubtful cases, after the Competitor has finished his Test, the President of the Ground Jury may have the Horse checked immediately by the Veterinary Delegate outside the Arena *while harnessed to the vehicle.*

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**DC141 [FEI Article 941] THE COURSE** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**2. Compulsory Rests**

*2.6 Competitors may only stand or walk their horses within the Rest Area.*

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**DC144 [FEI Article 944] TIMES** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**4. Start and Finish**

4.3 Competitors must start each Section from the halt, with the leading Horse behind the Start line. The Time Keeper will count down to the Start time. If a Competitor starts before the Time Keeper gives him authorisation, he will be recalled, a new start time will be given and the Marathon Time Card will be amended, *he/she will be awarded 10 penalties (DC149.3.44)*. If the Competitor fails to stop, when recalled, he may be Eliminated. The President of Jury must be made aware of the circumstances as soon as possible.

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**DC145 [FEI Article 945] PENALTIES ON THE MARATHON COURSE** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**4 Incorrect Pace**

Should one or more Horses break into a pace other than that specified for Section D *and the last 500m of Section E* and is not corrected within five seconds the Competitor will incur 1 penalty for every occurrence. If the break continues, the Competitor will incur 1 penalty for every additional completed period of five seconds.

**DC149 [FEI Article 949] CLASSIFICATION [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] Change to read:**

**3. SUMMARY OF PENALTIES IN COMPETITION B**

**[Replace current chart with the following, effective 2/1/10:]**

3.1	DC117.2.5	Person tied to the vehicle	Elimination
3.2	DC102.5.1	Contravening the Rules	Elimination
3.3	DC118.1.2.	Vehicles below weight at End of E or below width at Start of E.	Elimination
3.4	DC145.2, 145.6	Required persons not on Vehicle passing through a Compulsory Turning Flag, or the Start and Finish of each Section, each occasion.	10 penalties
3.5	DC102.8.2, 124.3	Horses unfit to continue at End of Section D.	Elimination
3.6	DC142.5.3	Dislodging a Dislodgeable Element.	2 penalties
3.7	DC142.5.5	Preventing a Dislodgeable Element from being dislodged.	10 penalties
3.8	DC143.3.5	Motorised vehicles or bicycles in Obstacles.	
		First Incident	Warning
		Second Incident	Yellow card
3.9	DC144.2.6	Exceeding the Time Limit in any Section.	Elimination
3.10	DC145.8.1	Finishing Section E with missing or disconnected Pole strap or Trace for each occurrence.	10 penalties
3.11	DC144.5.1	Total time over Time Allowed in all Sections.	0.2 penalties/ sec.
3.12	DC144.5.2	Total time under Minimum Time in A and E.	0.2 penalties/ sec.
3.13	DC1.1	Total time in Obstacles.	0.2 penalties/ sec.
3.14	DC145.2.2	Failing to pass through Compulsory Turning Flags and Obstacles in correct sequence.	Elimination
3.15	DC145.3	Each deviation from Course after last Obstacle.	10 penalties

3.16	DC141.5 / 145.4	Incorrect pace.	1 penalty for every 5 sec.
3.17	DC144.4.2	Not ready to Start A.	0.2 penalties/ sec.
3.18	DC145.5	Intentional break of pace in Section D.	Elimination
3.19	DC145.6.1	Dismounting while moving.	10 penalties
3.20	DC146.7	Failing to stop for leg over Pole, Lead Bar or Shaft.	Elimination
		Failing to stop for leg over Trace.	20 penalties
3.21	DC917.2.4	Groom handling Reins when Vehicle not stationary.	20 penalties
3.22	DC145.8.3	Finishing Section E with less horses than required.	Elimination
3.23	DC145.8.3	Finishing Section E with missing wheel.	Elimination
3.24	DC145.8.2	Finishing Section E with broken or disconnected pole or shaft	Elimination
3.25	DC146.2.1	Failing to pass through entry Flags of an Obstacle.	Elimination
3.26	DC146.8.3	Failing to pass through Exit Flags of an Obstacle within 5 minutes.	Elimination
3.27	DC146.2.3	Passing a gate in wrong sequence or direction.	Elimination
3.28	DC146.2.4	For correcting each Error of Course in an Obstacle.	20 penalties
3.29	DC146.2.5	Passing between Exit Flags before completing an Obstacle.	Elimination
3.30	DC146.3.1	Groom(s) dismounting in an obstacle, each occasion.	10 penalties
3.31	DC146.3.3	Competitor dismounting in an Obstacle.	20 penalties
3.32	DC146.5	A vehicle turning over in an Obstacle.	60 penalties
3.33	DC146.4	Disconnecting and leading through an Obstacle.	Elimination
3.34	DC146.8.3	Exceeding Time Limit in an Obstacle (5 min.)	Elimination
3.35	DC126	Outside Assistance.	Elimination
3.36	DC118.1.3	No Breeching with a vehicle with no brakes.	10 penalties
3.37	DC126.3.5	Groom leading a horse through an obstacle.	20 penalties
3.38	DC117.2	Substitution of a Groom.	Elimination
3.39	DC117.6	Driver or Groom wearing shorts.	10 penalties
3.40	DC117.6.2	No hard hat or back protector on Section E.	Elimination
3.41	DC146.3.4	Two feet on an Element of Obstacle.	10 penalties
3.42	DC113.3	Contravening the rules on advertising.	20 penalties
3.43	DC145.1	Contravening the rule on the use of the whip	20 penalties
3.44	DC144.4.3	Starting before the signal and returning when recalled	10 penalties
3.45	DC144.4.4	Competitor fails to stop when recalled	Elimination

**DC152 [FEI Article 952] OBSTACLES** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**7. Inspection of the Course**

7.1 The Course must be open for inspection at least one hour before the start of the Competition. Only Competitors, Chefs d'Equipe and Trainers are allowed to inspect the Course on foot and they must be ~~correctly and~~ smartly dressed. Competitors, *Chef d'Equipes and Trainers* are not permitted to use measuring wheels when inspecting the Course. At an Event, a warning will be issued for the first offence and a Yellow Warning Card from the President of Jury for subsequent offences.

**DC156 [FEI Article 956] PENALTIES** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**1. Competitors**

1.4 Competitors, who present an Obstacle to their Horse *or drive through any gate of an obstacle* before starting the Course, will be penalised 10 penalties

[...]

**2. Error of Course**

2.2 ~~If a Competitor attempts to pass through an Obstacle in the wrong sequence or direction, the President of the Ground Jury must wait until after the turnout has passed completely through the wrong Obstacle before ringing the bell. The Competitor is then Eliminated.~~ *If a competitor attempts to pass through or intentionally drives over any part of an obstacle in the wrong sequence or direction then the President of Jury must wait until the whole turnout has passed through the obstacle before ringing the bell. In both cases the penalty is Elimination.*

**DC157 [FEI Article 957] SUMMARY OF PENALTIES IN COMPETITION C** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Amend table to read, effective 2/1/10:**

17	For Exceeding the Time Allowed. DC156.8.7	0.5 penalties per second	0.5 <i>time</i> penalties per second
22	<i>For intentionally driving over any part of an obstacle.</i> DC156.2.2	<i>Elimination</i>	<i>Elimination</i>

**DC160 [FEI Article 960] COMPETITION IN TWO SECTIONS** [Chapter DC. Driving Combined Division] **Effective 2/1/10:**

**4. Penalties**

4.3 The Second Section is run with time driving penalties ~~added to the penalty for exceeding the Time allowed,~~ calculated at one penalty per commenced second. 3 seconds will be added to the time taken for each Obstacle dislodged or ball down. *Penalties on the second section are calculated as three time penalties for every obstacle or ball dislodged added to 0.5 penalties per second for exceeding the time allowed.*

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**CHAPTER EQ – EQUITATION DIVISION**

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**EQ109 Appointments.** [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division. Subchapter EQ-2 Hunt Seat Equitation Section] **Effective immediately:**

2. Tack. Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. *Two-ring bits, three-ring bits and gags are not considered conventional equipment for hunter seat equitation classes.* A judge at his own discretion can penalize a horse with nonconventional types of bits or nose bands. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted. Type of saddle is optional. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. Changing of bits between phases is permissible.

**EQ112 Requirements for Specific Classes.** [Chapter EQ. Equitation Division. Subchapter EQ-2 Hunter Seat Equitation Section] **Effective 2/1/10:**

14. WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW EQUITATION

a. RIDER MEMBERSHIP. [...]

[...]

*h. Qualifying procedures and Finals procedures cannot be changed without the approval of the Washington International Horse Show Assn., LTD.*

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**CHAPTER HU – HUNTER DIVISION**

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**HU125 Tack.** [Chapter HU. Hunter Division. Subchapter HU-4 Attire, Tack and Equipment] **Effective immediately:**

2. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e. cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkies, *iPod*, etc.) while in the competition ring.

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**CHAPTER SB – SADDLEBRED DIVISION**

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**SB161 Gait Requirements.** [Chapter SB. Saddlebred Division. Chapter SB-10 Hunter Country Pleasure] **Effective immediately:**

To be shown at a walk, trot, extended trot, canter and hand gallop both ways of the ring. For safety reasons the judge may limit the number of horses to hand gallop at one time. ~~Horses are required to stop and back on the rail.~~ *Entries must be asked both ways of the ring to halt and stand quietly on the rail.*

**SB163 Classes Offered and Specifications.** [Chapter SB. Saddlebred Division. Chapter SB-10 Hunter Country Pleasure] **Effective immediately:**

1. HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE. (All Ages, Ladies, Gentlemen, Adult Amateur, Juvenile, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Junior, Championship, or Stake.) To be

shown at a walk, trot, extended trot, canter and hand gallop both ways of the ring. For safety reasons the judge may limit the number of horses to hand gallop at one time. ~~Horses are required to stop and back on the rail.~~ **Entries must be asked both ways of the ring to halt and stand quietly on the rail.** To be judged on manners, performance, suitability as a Hunter, quality and conformation. In the line, horses must stand quietly with all four legs perpendicular to the ground. Horse shall be required to back readily in the line.

2. HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE PROSPECT. Open only to horses competing during their first or second competition years as Hunter Country Pleasure horses, according to the records of the American Saddlebred Horse Association. May be shown by a professional, amateur or junior exhibitor. To be shown at a walk, trot, extended trot, canter and hand gallop both ways of the ring. For safety reasons, the judge may limit the number of horses required to hand gallop at one time. ~~Horses are required to stop and back on the rail.~~ **Entries must be asked both ways of the ring to halt and stand quietly on the rail.** To be judged on suitability as a Hunter, manners, performance, quality and conformation. In the line, horses must stand quietly with all four legs perpendicular to the ground. Horse shall be required to back readily in the line.

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